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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of Allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of April 20, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on pages 2 and 3 of the Notice of Allowance mailed April 20, 2009, paragraph 5 states in part:

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In addition to the teaching of claims 1, 5 and 12, as a whole, closest art of record failed to teach or suggest among other thing [*sic*], "arranging for said de-compressing processor to assign to first and second chrominance values for the one of said first and second pixels representing substantially white or black the value of zero,

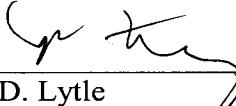
to assign the first and second chrominance values for the other of said first and second pixels, not representing substantially white or black, twice the value of the first and second input chrominance values respectively,"

Although the above comment seems to be directed to independent Claims 1 and 5, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 12 does not include all of the elements recited above. For example, Claim 12 recites "using one or more processors to perform the

steps of:" "reproducing to first and second chrominance values for the one of said first and second pixels" and not "arranging for said de-compressing processor to assign to first and second chrominance values for the one of said first and second pixels." Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above quoted statement applies only to independent Claims 1 and 5 (and claims dependent therefrom), and not independent Claim 12 (and Claim 13 dependent therefrom), to the extent the language used in the statement differs from the language of the claims.

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